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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have taken a note that the issue of land acquisition is the main reason for the delay in execution of the railway projects in the country;

(b) if so, the details of such affected projects, State/zone-wise;

(c) the details of the funds allocated and spent on such projects during the last three years, zone-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by the Railways to complete the said projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a): Delay in handing over of land by State Governments is one of the main reasons in slow execution of railway projects. However, projects also get delayed due to paucity of funds resulting in thin spread of resources prolonging completion of projects, delay in forestry clearance, adverse law and order conditions, increase in price of construction materials, failure of contracts etc.

(b) & (c): Since land acquisition is a long process, practically all projects involving land acquisition specially new line projects get affected by delay in land acquisition. List of projects where substantial delay has taken place in land acquisition is Appended.

(d): Regular co-ordination meetings at various levels are held to expedite land acquisition.